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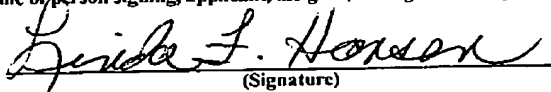
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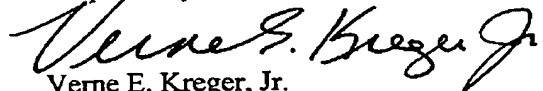
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004 for three (3) month(s) from May 26, 2004 to August 26, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently.

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